# ACQUIRING A HABIT

By GERTRUDE ATHERTON

Probably nothing could humiliate us more than to be forced to admit any superior quality in a race for which we have a profound loathing and contempt. And yet it is a fact that the national habit of thrift in Germany to one secret of its prolonged resistance to the combined might of the civ-Cised world. It is quite true that before the war the Germans were gross enters, but they wasted nothing. The moment the civilians were ordered to cat less and save the scraps they drew in their belts and did as they were told. It might be difficult to control the cravings of their distended stomachs but to scrimp and save involved no long apprenticeship, cost them practically no effort whatever.

The same may be said of France. While England as wasteful a nation as our own-was issuing repeated and almost frantic warnings to her people, devising constant new methods to controi their natural extravagance, and at one time threatened with starvation. the French simply went on economizthe and never were in danger for a moment.

I never shall forget my first visit to Paris. It was to friends, who lived in great style, but if I happened to feel bungry during the day or when I went to bed late, I either had to go hungry at a confiserie. There is never an extra roll in a French household. Exact rations are bought every morning for the day. If there are children In the home, who must be fed between meals, that is provided for, but nothing whatever for occentric appetites.

I rebelled vigorously and denounced the French as a mean, stingy, economical race, my opprobrium extending to omy after it has been practiced for a into the enterprise. But when the war the Americans who drifted suplacly into the national habit.

Easy to Follow Hoover's Rules. greatest sources of strength. The naby the peasant class and lower bour- from the softness of over-indulgence. geoisie, people who periodically dug

# What Are We Going to Do About It?

By E. E. HARRIMAN

This war will end some day. Some folks are already planning what they will do after it is over. Are we?

I read the other day that the German and Austrian prisoners now in Russia had resolved, almost to a man, that they would not go back to their former homes when the war ended, but would emigrate to the United States and Canada. What will our twin countries say to them?

"Come right along, brother! Make yourself at home. Take this chair, It has a higher back and thicker cushion. Have a glass of ice-cold beer with me. I'll tell the wife and she will cook up a mess of sausages and make some biscuit and open her best canned fruit for you. Let me adjust this stool under your trench shoes and offer a cigar to while away the time till the dinner is ready." Will we talk like that? Oh, will

If we do I shall start out on a hike into the frozen north and begin to live on whale steaks and sen! blubber.

Isn't it about time for us to begin to plan? Should we go on with our job of licking the Hun and never look shead to the time when he is going to become an economic question? Should we let things slide till he is on the sea, coming over in any old bottom that he can rake up, prepared to grab and help us make our laws nice and easy for the Hun at home?

Or shall we tell the Hun in Europe to get inside the Hunnish lines and stay there, while he works out his own salvation? Shall we say to the Hun who, being in America and enjoying its advantages, has elected to go back to Hunland and Join in the frightfulness that has been the backbone of Kaiser Bill's plan, that it was no more than should be expected and he is welcome to come home to us?

Stort With Clean Slate. Shall we open our internment camps and let them spew out upon our land the rotten messes they now hold? Hav-ing a clean dish and wholesome food. shall we defile it with propagandists and spice and enemy agents? Having made our bed with clean sheets and pillowstips and blankets, shall we turn the covers back and let the wallowing swine from the roadside mudhole

There is only one line of conduct that we can follow with honor and

vate organization, the funds to be rais d by subscription. The men must have the tempting and delicate foods or Sie, but if the government had take en over the task fiself, that would have meant another tax, to be followed immediately by a popular outery. To the average French mind delicacy rhymer with luxury, and it would have been impossible to convince the millions drudging at home that wounded men needed what they never had had before, ill or well,

When I lived in Munich I had a Swiss maid in whom I had implicit (and justifiable) faith. She would come to me periodically and say, 'Madame, je n'al plus d'argent," and I would hand out several hundred marks. That was all I had to do with the housekeeping during my seven years residence in Germany. And yet my incomparable Elsie would never give me anything to eat between meals but zwiebach, which in Germany is as hard as the thrice accursed national heart.

I have found it communities east to follow most of the Hoover rules, for I have always eaten ment merely as a matter of duty, and took kindly to Graham biscuit with my morning tea. Moreover, the bread and butter habit at lunch and dinner I have always thought vulgar. But to eliminate waste has been a different master. Still I have in a measure succeeded. There nothing in the brend bex or anywhere else texcept the inevitable boxes of Graham biscuit) but the daily ration; so that now when I come home in the afternoon hungry I either for get it or eat a few more Graham biscutt-which I shall never look at again after the war is over.

#### Will Be Greatest Nation.

I mention this personal experience or satisfy my healthy young appetite because it is no doubt that of many others. In a short time it will be the experience of everyone in the United States; for the way this nation has waked up, denied itself its customary luxuries in order to put the money in to the Liberty loan and War Savings stamps is the most significant thing it United States government was keepits history. And as there is something ing hands off and there was little envery fascinating about thrift and econtime no doubt the habit will be a last came all was changed. A great fleet ing one, and this nation will reach of merchant ships became necessary heights of wealth and strength of char for the successful prosecution of the Little did I think in those days that acter that its most ardent native adthe national habit of thrift and severe mirer never would have ventured to supplies to the countries overseas. The economy in France was one of their predict. More than any other single United States government undertook cause does a national habit, if it is the task. Time became an important tional debt of France before the war a good one, knit a nation together. was subscribed to almost exclusively prevent the disintegration which comes

And for the formation of this habit into their stockings and bought a new of thrift, and the lucid exposition of bond. Nothing can exceed the self-de what thrift means in the winning of ainl of those classes. It was for this the war, we must thank the War Savrensed that Le Blen-Etre du Blesse, ings stamp campaign. I doubt if any the French government to provide del- traitors who call themselves pacifists scacles for the wounded soldlers in the and I. W. W.'s, has falled to buy himhospitals of the war zone, was a pri- self at least one War Savings stamp. will keep our bed and food and home

anywhere he may be found:

your own country! Build up and purithe evil it has clung to so long. Refine it with years of sacrifice and earnest work for the right. Then, after decades have carried away the last grain of the old devilish doctrines and beliefs, then it is possible that the nations may great you amnesty and let you go out through the world at large once more. It is up to you. Get

to work on yourself." Letting the Hun wander at will after this war is over will be like leaving the line of fuse burning and merely cutting off the deau end after the spark had crawled inward toward the magazine.

Allowing him to have the same old freedom to come to our shores would be as foolish, and as disastrous in the end, as it would be to smother a fire with cotton loosely piled.

### No Room for Traitors.

President Wilson and his advisers have a great many matters to handle and many questions to decide. Let us not leave them to do all the thinking or all the talking on this question. The American people are concerned to such n degree in this matter that they should not delegate to any man or body of men the task of thinking for them. They should do their own thinking and when they have had time to formulate a plan that looks feasible and thoroughgoing, they should say to their servants at Washington, from the pres-

"Here! You put this through along the line we have laid down. It is no time for fooling or for doing party politics. Put up the bars and spike them fast so no one one can slip them. We have a stomachful and we must have time to digest it before we swal-

low any more." Then get busy with the American of foreign birth and Americanize him or throw him over the bars to the soil that bore him. We have no room in America for the man who shouts "Hurrah for America!" and follows it with a whisper of "Gott sei dank, Ich bin Deutscher.'

### **OUR BOYS**

By MARY ELIZABETH RODHOUSE of the Vigilantes.

God make us worthy of our boys, Fearless and true as they must be. Clear-eyed to face reality, And bitthe withel and glad of heart.

# Standardization **Cuts Fleet Cost**

Ships Built Cheaper Than Was **Believed Possible Before** the War.

Great Saving in Cost and Maintenanc of Ships by Adopting Standard Sizes and Patterns-Long Haule Cut.

Washington.-An Item which eventunily will appear in tremendous figures on the credit side of the great war ledger to help offset some of the staggering figures of the debit side will be the added wealth to the nation of the huge American merchant fleet which the demands of the war have brought into existence and which, persimists to the centrary notwithstand ing, will not pass with the passing of hostilities.

The United States is turning out at this time not only many more ships than ever before in the history of the nation, but many more than any other nation ever turned out in the same space of time. And, too, they are being built cheaper than before the war It was believed within the range of possibilities. And the great secret of this rapidity of construction and economy of cost is summed up in one word

standardization. In times of peace the building of merchant ships in the United States ly was far from being one of the great and important industries here. The couragement for private capital to go war, for the conveyance of troops and factor and then it was discovered that lack of standardization was a serious handicap and must be overcome if rapid progress and economy in cost were to be considered. Standardization was necessary and standardization was put

into practice. Benefits of Standardization.

son a standardized suit of clothes or a pair of shoes costs much less than socalled made to order apparel. It is beare found in the dollar watch and the "Get to work within the confines of corresponding thing in automobiles.

that clogs its spirit. Wash it clean of prefer it, a sengeing "flivver," some brary will be sent anywhere in France cable message to this country called thing easily replaced in whole or in free of charge. part, but at the same time a thoroughly sound proposition from the stand- poster which reads: "These books are popular as the modern French maid, say their wives made them?" the leaven has worked and passing point of utility and economy. This loaned on the honor system. If you ens. means standardization all along the fail, it fails. America is for away,

shapes for halls and all ship machinery and ship equipment conform to standard sizes or patterns, the greater will be the saving in initial cost and maintenance of ships.

It is the purpose of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet corporation to effect this, something it has already accomplished with that no such thing existed when emergency shipbuilding began made early progress slow. There were not only the problems of organization, but crease in cost. the further complications always attending large construction enterprises before materials and methods have become fully standardized.

### Long Haule Eliminated.

Under standardization it is possible heats and rafts from Vancouver, even the galley and is being applied to high transportation cost.

have been so cut in size as to increase | Linen, bedding and furniture are beplant facilities about 35 per cent. ing standardized.

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#### Grandfather at 39 but Is Not Citizen

Bosedale, Kans-August Anderson, thirty-nine, and a grandfather, has just found out he was not a citizen of the United States, following his registration for the draft. Born in Sweden, he came to this country with his parents when two years of age. Anderson has served two terms in the city council and has a son now in the army. He was given his first papers.

0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0 respect to many things. The fact Manufacturers are now concentrating on production where formerly a large part of the business included the making of new dies with attending in-

in the case of costly machinery, such as botlers and engines, standardiration has eliminated many intermedi-Nautical Instruments. nte sincs. plumbing fixtures, winches, windlesses in fact, all of the thousand and one to let contracts on a geographical as things that go to make a fully equipwell as cost basis, thus eliminating ped ship-will be entirely standardlong distance hauls. Under the old plan | ised whenever it is possible to accomwas sometimes necessary to ship plish it. Standardization has invaded Wash, to Bristol, Pa. This meant stewards' outfits. There will be no longer miscellaneous sets of equip-In the early days blocks came in ment that may meet the requirements 200 different sizes. Blocks and fittings of one ship but not those of another.

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was not quite a lost art, but it certain. No Army in History Ever Read as tonnage scarce and books precious Play square with the other fellow; he has played equare with yeu." Fiction Predominates.

The broks sent to Europe have been of two kinds, those contributed and those purchased by the funds of the association, which have amounted to \$1,000,000. The variety of contributed books is astropoling and ranges from mystery stories to theological treatises. from murder varue to Milton's poems. Firtion, of course, predominates,

No army in history ever read so onunivercusty as has the American arms in France. The men are greedy Washington.-More than a million for books. In the days when the supto sizes and patterns. For this rea- \$170,500,000 for the six allied welfare along the line, and they literally were

> The most insistent call is for deter-Rocky mountains. Next comes the demand for poetry. Robert W. Service

soldler in teams, cuthedrals and points of his for 500 copies of "Jeanne d'Arc," show-At every bookshelf the men find a fng that the Majd of Orienns is as

> The librarions have been surprised at the unexpected demand for serious reading: Many a mildier has evidently chosen war times to get in a dig Herald. at some books the reading of which he has hitherto postponed to a more convenient season. With a perfectly straight face a doughboy inquired the other day for Boswell's "Life of John

Of course more than one inappropriate book has found its way overseas Imagine the emotions of the young giant who stalked into a "Y" but settled down for a quiet evening, and found that the first book staring him in the face was one of the gushlest and most efferwacent of the Elsie

Most of the money spent for the 565,000 purchased books has gone for technical volumes designated to aid the ambitious soldier in mastering the science of war. Among these are books on the psychology of color for the camouflage corps, the chemistry of high explosives, ballistics, sanitary engineering, hydrostatics, meteorology, applied geology and other subjects on which the modern soldier must be a specialist.

### "SOLID IVORY" IN THE ARMY Recruit Believed That He Should

Carry Out His Orders Regardless

Vancouver Barracks, Wash.-Certainty in regard to but one part of his orders on the part of a recruit sentry here nearly caused the wounding of an officer of the day. The sentry. armed with a loaded rifle, challenged the officer on his approach.

"Halt!" he shouted in best form. The officer halted and waited for the rest of the challenge. "Halt!" shouted the sentry again.

The officer began to exhibit interest. especially as the sentry threw up his rifle and took careful alm. "Hey! What the blankety-blank are

you doing?" shouted the officer. "I got orders to say 'halt' three times and then Jre," raid the sentry.

The officer then explained that this drastic action was only to be adopted when the challenged intruder did not



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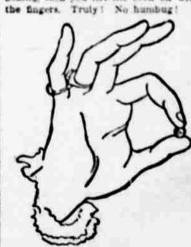
"I didn't think I'd live to see it, but I have remarked the old-fashioned gentleman. You've often heard men "Curtainir."

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Billeted.

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"What does he say?"

"He says he's the barn guest of s charming French family."--Birming ham Age-Herald.



### TURKS CAPTURED IN PALESTINE



Here are types of the Turkish prisoners taken by the thousands in Pales tine by the victorious troops of General Allenby's expedition.

# SCARE MEXICANS OUT

Laredo, Texas.-German propagan | here is absolutely no foundation for dists in nor hern Mexico and along the report that they will be conscripted the border are actively engaged in instilling fright into Mexicans with a view to preventing their crossing to the American side and accepting employment as laborers on farms, railroads, etc. One canard that has been given considerable publicity by the propagandists is that the Americans are contemplating drafting all Mexican men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five late the army, while all Mexican women will also be forced into service and "taken to France, where they will be used as washerwomen for the American soldiers and the allies These kind of reports have reached

the American consular service on the

border and they are exerting their ut-

most efforts to set the Mexicans right

by assuring them that none but Ameri-

un citizens will be subject to the se-

and used as washerwomen in France, as there are any number of women already in France and none others are needed "for washerwomen." Now that the new draft is in effect

it is expected that the German propagandists will be manufacturing all kinds of deliberate falsehoods to thwart the efforts of the Americans to secure inborers from Mexico to do agricultural and other work in this coun-

Seal Catch le Big. St. Louis,-This senson's catch of

The pelts are being shipped to St. Louis by the United States government to be dressed and dyed and sold at the fur auction next April. It is

fur seals in the Pribliof Island amounts to 33,831 pelts, according to disputches received here.

lective draft, while, es for women, expected they will bring \$1,000,000. got "ever there."

answer as per form, and the sentry would not have to start killing until b